

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification:**

Beginning on Page 64, line 27 through Page 64, line 30, the paragraph has been amended as follows :

The results of the experiment are presented in Figs. [~~44A and 44B~~] 40A and 40B. As indicated, 87% of the probes that bound to the 1-2  $\mu\text{m}$  magnetic beads from Polysciences were [~~non-covalently~~] non-covalently bound, as compared to 15% of non-covalently bound probes on the 3  $\mu\text{m}$  Spherotech beads.